Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 24 Mar 2023 at 15:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, but low for details on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 25 Mar 2023: Cloudy with a few snow showers, turning increasingly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Dull	Dull	Dull	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	70%	30%	20%	20%	20%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Weather: Persistent rain and summit snow in the early hours, turning to snow above 500m shortly before dawn, although Creag Meagaidh and Ben Alder ranges likely to be largely dry. Persistent snow eases to occasional flurries by mid–morning, these mostly across the Cairngorms. A largely dry evening with some clear spells possible in the east.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% or less around dawn, gradually improving to 40% around midday

Low cloud and visibility: Often very poor visibility with persistent cloud, down to 500m at first, but gradually lifting to 1100m by late morning, with occasional patches down to 800m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	13/17 NE	20/27 N	24/32 N	22/30 N	15/21 NE	11/16 NE	11/17 NE	14/20 E	14/21 E
900	10/13 NE	17/21 N	19/25 N	17/23 NE	13/19 NE	9/14 NE	11/16 E	12/18 E	12/17 E
600	6/9 NE	12/17 N	13/20 NE	12/18 NE	10/16 NE	7/12 NE	8/14 NE	8/14 E	7/13 NE
300	5/11 N	8/18 NE	9/19 NE	8/18 NE	8/17 NE	7/14 NE	6/14 NE	6/13 NE	4/10 NE
Glen	3/10 N	5/16 N	5/16 N	5/16 NE	6/14 NE	6/13 NE	4/11 NE	3/10 NE	2/8 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-8	-3/-10	-4/-13	-5/-14	-5/-12	-5/-10	-5/-12	-6/-14	-7/-14
900	1/-4	0/-6	-1/-8	-2/-9	-2/-8	-1/-6	-2/-7	-3/-9	-4/-10
600	2/-0	2/-2	0/-5	0/-5	1/-4	2/-2	1/-3	-1/-5	-1/-5
300	4/2	4/0	2/-2	2/-1	4/0	4/2	3/-0	1/-2	0/-2
Glen	4/3	4/0	2/-1	3/-1	5/2	5/2	4/1	1/-1	0/-1
Freezing Level*	1000m	800m	600m	500m	500m	500m	500m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note freezing level falling through the day, with snow patches likely to become increasingly firm and icy.

Forecast for Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Weather: Dry with clear spells through the early hours. Mostly cloudy across the Cairngorms with a few well scattered snow showers possible in the morning, but becoming more frequent in the afternoon. Mainly dry with bright or sunny spells further west. Dry with a chance of clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: North 15-20 mph gusting 30-35 mph, strongest winds over the Cairngorms.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in the west, 50% in the east

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good or very good visibility outside of low cloud, briefly lowering in any heavier snow showers. Patchy cloud soon lifting above the summits over western hills. Cloud bases occasionally lowering to 900-1000m in the east over the Cairngorms.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius, falling to minus 3 Celsius for a time in the afternoon.
Freezing level: 200-300m, falling to sea level in the evening and overnight.

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